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In re Application of:

Brita SCHULZE *et al.*

Application No.: 09/847,538

Filed: May 3, 2001

For: CATIONIC DIAGNOSTIC, IMAGING AND
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS ASSOCIATED WITH
ACTIVATED VASCULAR SITES

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: L. Wells

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims 1, 16, and 17 for pending claims 1, 16, and 17.

1. (Amended) A method of selectively targeting a composition to an activated vascular site, comprising administering to the activated vascular site, a composition selected from the group consisting of: (a) particles, excluding liposomes, having a zeta potential in the range of about +25 mV to +100 mV in about 0.05 mM KCl solution at about pH 7.5; (b) molecules having an isoelectric point above 7.5; (c) liposomes containing cationic lipids in the range of about 25 mol% to 50 mol%; (d) magnetosomes with a cationic lipid layer having a zeta potential in the range of about +25 to +100 mV in about 0.05 mM KCl solution at about pH 7.5 and (e)